

Applicant: James R. Patterson

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For: Magnetic Plumb Bob Holder

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. It is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office action of July 22, 2003 in the above identified application to December 22, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$475.00 for response within the third month (37 CFR 1.17(a)) by a small entity is enclosed. No additional fee is required for excess claims.

In the event that additional time is necessary to render the amendment timely, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to extend the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office action and is authorized to charge the appropriate fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 06-1090.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 22, 2003.

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